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Netherlands Patent 9302251

SU Patent 1331660

SU Patent 1421540

Japanese Patent Publication 05301298

United States Patent 4,242,296 (cited by Applicants)

The above-identified material may be relevant to the prosecution of the subject patent application because it was cited in the European Search Report of our corresponding European patent application. A copy of the above-identified references, a copy of the European Search Report, and Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.



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